

# The

## Old Paludians Newsletter

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This is a very special year for the School - it is 90 years since the doors opened for the first time at the Secondary School in January 1912. To mark the occasion the Old Paludians will present the School with a Commemorative Clock to be placed in the Hall for all to see. This has been made possible by the very generous donations given so freely by the members themselves. Our very warmest thanks to everyone for their support in making this year so successful for the Old Paludians.

Once again we have to extend our most grateful thanks to **Mrs Lenton** for allowing us to invade the School each year in ever-increasing numbers and it is especially encouraging to welcome so many new Old Paludians to Reunion 2002. For some, it is a first visit back to the Grammar School since leaving and the School can only gain in the knowledge that so many former pupils happily return to renew friendships between themselves and their *Alma Mater* as it celebrates 90 years. Our congratulations and best wishes to the School, the Staff and present Students - Ed.

#### **\*\*STAFF NEWS\*\***

**Miss Gwen Allen** (1934-38). Congratulations on the School's 90th Anniversary - I too, have celebrated my 90th so maybe I should stop my annual news for who can remember me? I am always thrilled to get news and visits from **David Neale**. Good wishes for a happy and successful day at the March Reunion and the Garden Party. Miss Allen lives at Milton-under-Wychwood, Oxon and is always pleased to see former pupils. Contact Valerie for more details. *We always enjoy hearing from you; we send our very best wishes for your 90th Birthday and hope you are still busy with your lovely garden - Ed.*

**Mrs N Boul** (1936-45, 1950-73). Sends greetings to everyone and always enjoys hearing from ex-pupils and staff. She rang a few days before the Reunion to say she will be thinking of us.

**Rev. Ivy Halden** (1941-74). Miss Halden wrote just too late for last year's Newsletter but said she would always welcome contact with any of the 'girls'. Shortly before Christmas there was a piece in the local paper asking for help. Apparently her address book and Christmas card list went missing Christmas 2000 and if you can help by sending her your name/address again, then she would be so pleased. Valerie has Miss Halden's address and phone number if you can help restore the address list.

**Miss G E Booth** (1942-72). I do wish you all a happy time at the Reunion - I am afraid I am not able to come - I begin to feel rather ancient these days!! Best wishes.

**Miss Eileen Tucker** (1943-52). Many people mention Miss Tucker when writing as they particularly remember her lovely music. She wrote to us just too late for last year's Newsletter. She lives in Winchester and suffers with arthritis, in her hands particularly, which means that she is unable to play her piano. "My years at SHS were very special and I love hearing from the girls. Please remember me to everyone especially to all those involved with me in the music activities of the school. Very precious memories". She gave us news of the death of **Marjorie Norman née Pacey**. A dear friend of Miss Tucker, Miss Pacey - as we all knew her - died aged 80 on 17 November 2000 at Walton-on-the-Naze. There was a memorial service followed by interment, with her late husband, at Kirby Cross. Miss Pacey married Stanley late in life but together they made a significant contribution to the Church and community life in her village. Many OP's will remember her. *Miss Tucker will be pleased to know the Music Department at SGS is alive and well - Ed.*

**Miss M L White** (1947-71). Advancing years mean I am unable to join you on Reunion Day. I had a lovely holiday in Cornwall last April with my nephew, John, and his wife. With a friend, John pushed me all around the Eden Project – a wonderful experience. I heard from **Mrs Fraser née Slattery** at Christmas – she is still in Australia. All my best wishes for a Happy Reunion and a successful year – I will be thinking of you.

**Miss Stella Sanderson** (1947-85). Looking forward to the Reunion but several of us may have to leave a bit early to attend a Slough Phil concert later.

**Mrs Maureen Hancock** (1950s). I enjoy the Newsletter although unable to attend. Remain in touch with **Joyce Patrick** in Australia and **Georgie Baker** and I exchange cards at Christmas, always with the intention of meeting up but ..... Best wishes.

**Mrs Alice Beck** (1958-75). Sends good wishes.

**Miss Monica Wykes** (1960s-70s). Part time teacher of music, Miss Wykes is unable to attend Reunions and with many other commitments sends greetings but feels the time has come to take her name from the list of members. We thank her for her loyalty over many years and wish her well.

**Mrs Valerie Benjamin** (1961-63, 1970-76). In my first spell at SHS I ran the PN Course and then had a second baby. I returned in 1970 and after 2 years was head of Biology. I went on to become Deputy Head, then Head of The Lady Verney High School in High Wycombe which, like SHS, became amalgamated with another! I keep in touch with 2 members of staff, playing tennis whenever we can. I enjoy mention of staff and pupils with whom I had such an interesting and stimulating time. I wish the Old Paludians every success for the future.

**Miss Anne Harris** (1961-69). I will not be able to attend the Reunion but send good wishes.

**Mrs Janet Sumner** (1961-80). I send my best wishes to all who remember me.

**Dr Rachel Gourlay** (1962-67). I won't be able to attend as it is the March Workshop for the local Chinese Brush Painting Association. All through my teaching career, I've never ceased to be grateful to **Miss Rowland, Miss Sing and Mrs Binstead** for the help and good grounding I received when I began teaching at SHS. I'm still learning German (4th year) having had a few visits to Germany and Austria. I keep busy, one morning a week, as a 'friend' of Reading University, I help in the Library of the Continuing Education Dept and help out on other occasions as necessary. My very good wishes to anyone who remembers me.

**Mrs Pat Purdue** (Matron 1964-80). When sorting out recently I came across an Order of Service dated 1962 and feel it should be in the Archives! We are well and very happy here in our new home in Somerset.

**Mrs Sheena Cater** (1978-89). I had hoped to attend the Reunion but I find I have visitors calling in on their way home from abroad. I hope to attend next year and also hope to make the Garden Party! Best wishes.

**Hoping to attend: Miss Phyllis Haywood, Miss Margaret Rowland, Miss Stella Sanderson, Miss Connie Shaw,**

## **\*\*1920s\*\***

**Molly Page** (Sands 1921-28). Molly's son **Graham** has let us know that she is still at Tithe Farm Rest Home in Stoke Poges and is keeping quite well. She celebrated her 91st Birthday recently and enjoys hearing from her many old friends who keep in touch.

**Mrs G M Bennett** (Knight 1922-26). Still living happily at Burnham Lodge and is now 91 years old.

**Joyce Preddle** (Hobson 1929-32). Bill and I celebrated our Diamond Wedding last August with 2 parties – one for relations and one for local friends. Also to mark the occasion, my second collection of poems was published. I am sorry not to be with you on Reunion Day – would there be anyone of my generation there? I would probably recognise some of those who were pupils at the same time as my sister!! *Congratulations and best wishes from all of us, I am sure you will be with us in spirit – Ed.*

*Editor's Note: Sometimes we are unaware of the passing of members and are informed too late for inclusion in the Newsletter for that particular year. Even if a considerable time has elapsed we like to include notes about those members who have died because their former school friends and contemporaries like to recall happier times. The gift of a book is given to the School Library in remembrance: each book has a special nameplate recalling names and years at the School and in this way their presence lives on in a practical way. Where possible the Librarian tries to match the interests of the member with the subject matter of the book.*

### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Edward Hartley MBE** (1920-26). Edward, always known as Ned, sadly died on 22 January having suffered the tragic loss of his daughter **Anna** only weeks before. He was born in Stoke Poges and lived in the village for all of his life. He married Dorothy Burfoot of Eton Wick, (who predeceased him in January 2001) they had four children, Anna, Tessa, Edwin and Philippa. On leaving Slough Secondary School he entered the family building business, William Hartley and Sons of Wexham, and continued working there into his 70's. He helped with the building of the Old Paludians Limited Clubhouse at Taplow. He was awarded his MBE for services to the local community of Stoke Poges, where he had served as a Parish Councillor, a warden at St Giles' Church, and as a trustee of local charities.

**Jean Bailey** (Sands 1927-33). Jean died shortly before the 2001 Reunion. She had not been in good health after the death of her brother Alfred in January 2001. It was very sad for the Sands family to lose two much loved relatives in such a short time and we send our sympathy to Bob, Molly, Margaret and their respective families.

**Ron Bruce** (1929-34). It is sad to report the death, after a long period of ill-health, of Ron Bruce aged 83. A staunch supporter of the Old Pals and the Cricket Club in particular. Born in Malaya, where he spent his early years, he came to this country for his education and then served with distinction in the London Scottish throughout the last War, attaining the rank of Regimental Sgt-Major. Always a keen sportsman, Ron helped re-form the Cricket Club after the War and for nearly 20 years, was a lively, accurate medium pace opening bowler who was much respected in local cricket circles. In spite of failing health, Ron regularly supported the Old Pals cricket and paid his usual visit to one of the matches last year. He was always pleased to attend the Reunions but, sadly, will be missing this time around. This tribute was written by **Ken Martin** who was a friend and cricketing colleague for such a long time.

### **\*\*1930s\*\***

**George Pontin** (1930-35). Will be at the Reunion again this year with his fiancée Nancy.

**Peter Bennett** (1930-36). Peter has been very unwell since last autumn and has had a lengthy spell in hospital. At the time of writing, he is in Ward 16 at Wexham Park and is waiting to be transferred to Oxford House. We all send him our warmest good wishes – this Reunion will be the first one he has missed for many years.

**Margaret Abbott** (Bayly 1930-37). Best wishes for both events this year – so sorry I cannot attend as I will be away for both occasions. Life in Dorset is good – like one long holiday. We are both well and still enjoy walking the hills round here (Beaminster) also swimming and gardening.

**Marjorie Cruse** (1931-35). Pleased to have renewed her acquaintance with John Gunn after so many years. Although unable to attend the Reunion Marjorie sends good wishes for a successful day. Marjorie's lifelong friend **Norah Littlehales** died in January and has given us details of Norah's life – see below.

**Gabrielle Moody** (1931-36). I am always interested in the news but cannot attend Reunions any more – I am 83 and find travelling difficult. I do wish everybody all the best although there will be very few who still remember me. My sister, **Yvonne**, who is now 79, has lived in Arizona for many years now and her eldest son (who is now retired) is sailing the Caribbean with his wife for a couple of years on their own boat, as do many Americans. **Irene Anderson** (1931-38) still keeps in touch. A Happy New Year to all members.

**Joan Clack** (Waite 1932-38). I had hoped to come this year especially as the Reunion falls on my birthday but alas....! So, my very best wishes for a hugely successful day. I am always sorry to read of the passing of my special friends – how we enjoyed ourselves back in our schooldays and we got up to such antics in the

long summer holidays. Am I glad I was young then, we had such FUN!! I do hope I can find a way of being with you in the summer. *Joan sends us some notes on her friend **Elna (McKenzie) Cook** who died a while ago. See below.*

**Warwick Dyer** (1932-39). Sorry I can't come to the Reunion this year but I hope to come to the Garden Party and hope to bring **Margaret Gillett** (1932-37) with me. Will also try to persuade **Margaret Black** (1932-37) to join us. Hope there will be lots of seating ... !!

**Len Thorne** (1934-36). I have a function in the evening of 23 March and I intended coming until my daughter found out and read the riot act. It is a long distance to drive there / back and then go out, so I regret I will not be at the Reunion this time around. Hope you all have a good day. *No double booking next year, Len! - Ed*

**Ken & Daphne Norman** - Ken (1934-39), Daphne (Claret 1934-40) - We hope to be able to join everyone.

**Reg Cox** (1934-40). New Life Member. I see **Bernard Winter** once a year & remember his wife, **Maureen** (Ragg), also **David Neale** and **Joan Hedge** – I look forward to seeing them again. I recognised a number of names in the last Newsletter – there was a regular intake from SGS and SHS into the Labs and offices at ICI from 1940 onwards.

**David and Ann Neale** - David (1934-40) and Ann (Keeping 1945-50) - They send greetings to any who remember either of them. They live in the Woodford Green area where they have been since their marriage in 1955, and for the last 14 years, together with their daughter, son-in-law and 3 grandchildren. David retired in 1989 and has since kept busy sharing in the Bible presentation work of Gideons International, including giving to children in some 44 secondary schools in the NE London and Essex area. Brother **Robert Neale** (1945-51) lives in New Zealand. They keep in touch with, and visit, **Miss Allen** in the Cotswolds.

**Jean Garwood** (Bayly 1934-42). I am sorry I will not be able to attend the Reunion but I hope to come to the Garden Party in the summer. Greetings to anyone who knows me.

**Gordon Moore** (1935-40). I regret I will be unable to be present – I doubt if many, or indeed any, of my year will be there? I have just bought a computer and I am finding the wonders of the New Age quite challenging and I've started a course at the local school – hope for me yet! I was impressed by the web-site and was able to sort out some of the queries on the 1938 photo!!! I am now surprisingly fit and active having survived a DVT combined with a few other 'nasties' but the medics were all wonderful. Best wishes to all.

**John Pallett** (1935-41). New Life Member. I hope to come to my first Reunion – it will be interesting to see some of the faces after all these years. *We "found" John for **Paddy May** – have a great Reunion - Ed*

**Jean Bostock** (Burnett 1936-41). I very much regret I shall be unable to attend the Reunion again this year but send best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable and successful event.

**Allan Burney** (1936-41). Allan found our website and allowed us to copy his 1936 SGS School photo – the only known copy! Lives on Isle of Wight and is sorry it is a bit too far to travel for the Reunion. Retired, but still remembers the pleasure of attending a brand new school and the awe of seeing all the masters wearing gowns.

**Coral Colgate** (Nixey 1936-41). Sadly my husband, **Bill**, died last April. Although not educated at SGS some may have known him when the family bakery business was in the High Street or through Slough Rugby Club of which he was a member for a number of years and was, at one time, Team Secretary. *We extend our sympathy to Coral and family in their loss - Ed.*

**Mollie Weltner** (Greet 1936-41). Mollie has lived in the USA for a very long time – she is not able to attend Reunions and sends greetings but feels the time has come to take her name from the list of members. We thank Mollie for her loyalty over many years and wish her well.

**Iris (Betty) Hull** (Burnett 1937-42). I am afraid neither my sister **Jean Bostock** nor I will be able to come to the Reunion this year. Last year – 2001 – was a special one for Tony and myself as we celebrated our Golden Wedding in July and were fortunate that all our family, children and 8 grandchildren were able to come here to help us celebrate that special day. We also had trips to Crete, Lake Garda & Verona for the Opera and to Cyprus in November. We are now preparing for a visit to Rhodes in May and to New York in September to see our grandson Max on the occasion of his Bar Mitzvah – quite a year ahead! Good wishes to everyone for the Reunion especially those who remember Jean and me.

**Derek Simmance** (1937-42). I am looking forward to the Reunion – last year **Paddy May** reminded me of the *Stardusters*, a band which played for some school and OP dances in 1941/42. Most of the Old Pals then were 16-18 years old as the older ones were in the Services – as we were later. I fronted the Band with an accordion and later clarinet and sax, and also took the vocals. Other members were **Don Lord** (piano), **Pete Gill** (drums), **Clive Cook** (violin) and **Steve Norris** also on accordion plus some others not SGS. I wonder how many of us are left? (*We know Clive died some years ago – Ed*) I remember physics classes in the dark room to escape Latin – **Richard Ford**, **Vic Woodford**, **Ian Cummins**, **Bob Millership** and **Charles Cox** plus another whose name escapes me – I eventually made a science degree so Latin was a good miss! I hope I have stirred a few memories!!

**Faith Atkinson** (Stewart 1937-43). I love hearing news of contemporaries so thought I would contribute. I now have 8 grandchildren (7 boys) ranging from 18 – 5 years. I'm widowed now and still live in Newport, Shropshire and I would love to see or hear from anyone passing through (tel: 01952 404135). I am hoping to arrange a small Reunion – possibly in the Cotswolds – for classmates later in the year – anyone interested?

**Paddy & Pam May** (Paddy 1937-44). Both Pam and Paddy are looking forward to the Reunion. Paddy is delighted to have been put in touch with **John Pallett** after many years. Best wishes to everyone.

**Jean K Jones** (Grant 1938-42). Unfortunately, I don't expect I will ever be able to come to a Reunion – I need a Magic Carpet but I send my very best wishes to everyone and I hope you all have a happy day. Am I the only member in South Africa? Yes, *Jean, you are the only one carrying the flag for us in SA – Ed*.

**Betty Britten** (Boys 1939-42). I enjoy the Newsletter which is greatly appreciated and in due course, is posted to Cornwall and then to USA! Whilst on holiday in Norway last year I met another ex-SHS girl – small world!. Names of my generation get nearer and nearer to page one when it doesn't seem to be that long ago when we were on the last page!!! Tempus fugit – as they say. *It only seems to be nearer to front because there are more pages!! Thank you for your kind remarks - Ed*.

**'Micki' Vale** (Flinn 1939-43). Had an op in December – was it all those Tiller Girl high kicks? Cruised around the Norwegian Fjords to North Cape in July. After Arctic and Antarctic last year, I am going for a spot of 'warm' for a month in February-March to Mombassa – a short safari and a cruise of East African Islands. My love to all. *Micki always embarks on such wonderfully exciting travels, we hope you enjoyed Africa – Ed*.

**Peter and Joy Egelstaff** - Peter (1939-43) and Joy (Salter 1938-43) - Will be visiting our family in Australia.

**Betty Absolon** (Chapman 1939-45). It is not always possible to travel to the OPA each year but I hope to do so this year and would like to thank the OPA committee for making it possible to meet up with class friends or have news of them through the Newsletter. Turning the clock back is always special and a chance to send good wishes to any who still remember 57 years after leaving school! *Thank you Betty for your kind remarks and there are LOTS of "your" class friends still remembering those days ! - Ed*.

**Jean Bignell** (Climer 1939-45). No news really! I have been housebound since last September. I think uncle **Len Thorne** (1934-36) is in better nick than me!

**Tony Stevenson** (1939-45). Just as I feared I shall be setting off for Naplee, Florida on 22 March for our annual golfing holiday. Very sorry to miss out yet again. Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable day – my regards to anyone who remembers me. *A hard life - Ed !!!*

**Keith and Anita Wyatt** (Keith 1939-45 and Anita née Woodley 1940-46). Filled in the form and then lost it (*I know the feeling!*). Unfortunately we cannot make either date this year – we send our best wishes for the success of both get-togethers.

**Betty Foster** (Thomas 1939-46). Sorry I can't be with you on 23 March – I send greetings to you all and hope you have a successful Reunion.

### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Esmé Holloway** (Berendt 1930-33). News has reached us of the sad death of Esmé on 31 July last year. Her husband Vic has been kind enough to tell us a little of their life together. He was with REME in Palestine in 1945 when he met Esmé who was with the Red Cross, working as a physiotherapist in a hospital in Haifa. Their eyes met across a crowded room at a Mess party and they were married in 1946 – strictly against the rules – and had a flat on Mount Carmel. Also that year they had a holiday in Cyprus thereby beginning a love of that island and to which they returned later. In was in 1947 that Victor and Esmé returned to UK, back to

rationing, floods and general 'awfulness'. He took a job in Yorkshire for 6 months but they stayed 17 years; after several moves and his first retirement, Vic took a job which meant them spending time in South Africa. They loved travelling and saw many places before finally retiring to Devon. Two daughters and five grown-up grandchildren (4 boys, one girl) completed the family. *We send our sympathy and good wishes to all the family and my especial thanks to Victor who, since I mislaid his first notes by putting them away safely, was patient enough to recall his memories a second time - and yes, I found them shortly afterwards!! - Ed.*

**John Dean** (1930-36). John died on 21 March 2001. We had heard from him in February when he sent his good wishes to all of us. He had no immediate family and before retirement had been a bank manager with NatWest Bank. John was a well-loved member of the Old Paludians Masonic Lodge.

**Alan Blay** (1931-36). Alan died in June 2001 – he started his career as a compositor with Slough Newspapers Ltd, became foreman at the Slough Observer and later joined the Board of Directors. His wife, Mollie, had been secretary to Mrs Boul's husband at Slough and Eton School. Those present at School functions during the 1990's remember with pleasure the lovely singing of Emma Sparrow, Emma and Alan's grand-daughter. Our condolences were sent to Mollie and family.

**Norah Littlehales** (1931-37). Norah died on 26 January aged 81 in Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. She was a former Headteacher, supporter of amateur dramatics and a dedicated Churchgoer. Norah was born in Farnham Royal and lived for some years in the Three Tuns PH where her father was the Licensee and she enjoyed guiding with the St Mary's Guides in Slough. After qualifying at the Rachel McMillan Training College, Norah took up several teaching posts before becoming Headteacher of the Cherry Hinton Hall Nursery School where she taught for 32 years before retiring in 1981. She had lived in Cambridge for over 50 years and will be much missed, no more so than by **Marjorie Cruse** who penned these memories of her old schoolfriend.

**Elna Cook** (McKenzie 1932-38). **Joan Clack (Waite)** writes: "Elna was with me and **Barbara** (see below) all through our lives both at the secondary School and the High School. When we left, Elna stayed in Slough and then moved to Wilton on her marriage. Although I was in Yorkshire, we met through the years especially after the families had grown up. We would meet up, go to a Show in London and generally do what girls do (*I hope you mean gossip - Ed!*) After her husband's death she moved to Marlow near her daughter and we began holidaying together in Europe. I am involved with the Red Cross and Elna, too, was involved looking after the medical loan department right up to her death on New Year's Eve 1999. She had trained as a Librarian and on my visits south in those early days, I sometimes joined her taking books to the housebound. One of the elderly ladies knew my home town of Harrogate and our chattering threw all the schedules out of the window. I hope there are still some of 'the girls' out there who remember her and her great sense of fun. I miss a wonderful friend."

**Barbara Head** (Mines 1932-38). Sadly Barbara died on 18 December after 56 years of marriage. She led a full and very happy life, joining the Civil Service on leaving School. She was transferred to the War Office at the outbreak of the war where she met Rob and they married in 1945. After their children, Stephen and Jacqueline, had grown up, she embarked on a new career. Becoming a part-time Science Laboratory Technician, she decided to go further and became qualified to degree standard – in fact she became one of the most highly qualified technicians in that field in Hertfordshire. Retirement in 1980 meant a change of direction and Barbara joined the WI. She served as Secretary for 5 years and as President for 4 years at her local Institute. Our deepest sympathies go to her husband, Rob, and to Stephen and Jacqueline and their families.

**John W Griffith** (1936-42). **Norman Ward** recalls his memories of John: "He was a new boy at the new school in 1936, leaving in 1942 and he joined the Navy serving until 1946. Returning to the area he reunited with the Old Paludians and was part of the group who re-formed the Cricket Club in 1947. A formidable left-handed batsman and competent wicket keeper, taking the captaincy for two spells, he played for some 21 years. During the latter part of this time he became Chairman of Old Paludians Ltd after John Collin resigned. In 1968 he retired from Flexello and with his wife Joan moved to Pagham in Sussex. Later, they moved to Stamford, Lincs, to be near their son and his family. It was here that he died in February 2001."

**George Borwell** (1937-43). We have only recently learned that George died on 7 June 2000. His wife Joan has many happy memories of the Dances they attended together. *Our condolences to Joan and family - Ed.*

**Kathleen Robinson** (1939-45). Kathleen sadly died in September 2001 – her funeral and Thanksgiving Service were attended by **Joyce Haggerty** (Newstead 1939-45) who remembers her friend thus: "This was a lovely service, a celebration of Kathleen's life and homegoing which she had arranged herself. The little St Leonard's Church at Richings Park was full and four Old Paludians were present, all finding it hard to believe

that she had gone and knowing how much she will be missed. Kathleen was much involved in the Church and village life – she lived all her life in the house where she was born. Her parents had moved there in the early 1920's when Richings Park Estate was newly built. St Leonard's was 'her' Church, as a child in the Sunday School and later as a teacher. She started the Brownie Group and became Brown Owl. She loved music, sang in the choir at St Leonard's and St Peter's Churches and was a founder member of the Richings Park Choral Society in 1943, later becoming its treasurer. She was also involved with several charities. Kathleen was a lovely, gentle person and I feel sad to have lost such a dear friend. JH"

**Barbara Bignell** (Hall) 1939-47. Many of you will remember Barbara who died last Autumn. Her husband, Alan, was kind enough to give these notes to **David Jewell** for inclusion in the Newsletter. From the High School Barbara went to Whitelands College to train as a teacher. Then to Lea Infants School, followed by a Child Development Course at London University, after which she returned to one of the Lea Schools as Deputy Head. In 1957 she became Lecturer at City of Birmingham Training College and studied for a degree in Sociology at the University of London. By 1962, Barbara was a Lecturer and eventually Head of Department of Sociology at Borough Road College, Isleworth where one of her students was her future husband Alan. She took early retirement in 1981 so Alan, himself a Head of Department in Ealing, could study for ordination. In 1990 she was appointed a governor of St Mary's C of E School, sometimes as Chairman, as well as working as a voluntary helper there. Over the years their home has been a refuge for many people who needed support. *I am sure all those who remember Barbara send condolences to Alan and take pride in having known such a wonderfully caring lady – Ed.*

### **\*\*1940s\*\***

**Muriel Benbridge** (Cooke 1940-1946). **Vic** will not be able to attend this year as he is not at all well but I hope to be along in the afternoon - as well as coming to the Garden Party.

**Ralph and Jean Ison** – Ralph (1940-47), Jean (Denyer, 1943-1950) - I wonder if anyone has news about **Audrey Bateman** – Jean and I were last in contact with her living near Perth in Australia. She was once one of the late Barbara Cartland's secretaries.

**Vernon and Mildred Price** - Vernon (1940-47); Mildred (Thomas 1944-49) - New Life Members. We will be celebrating our Golden Wedding this year and have been living in West Wales for 15 years. Previously Vernon was a village school headmaster in Herefordshire. We left the Slough area in 1963 to move to N Devon and had two girls and twin boys. We now have eleven grandchildren. *Mildred writes:* I was most interested to read in last year's Newsletter of **Robert Neale** and **Vernon Amos**. I was in the same class as them at Datchet Primary School. Really looking forward to the Reunion and meeting old friends. *We have recently found Tony Cowles (1940-45) for Vernon – Ed.*

**Nancy Evans** (Pardoe 1941-43). New Life Member. I am able to come to the Reunion for lunch and wonder how many ladies I will recognise after so many years! I can still picture us as school-girls!! I look forward to being there on 23 March. Whatever happened to **June King**, **Jean Grist**, **Margaret Warr**, **Margaret (?) Searle** (all 1941-4x) and **Daphne Lines** – I would love to know.

**June Ginger** (Hunt 1941-47). I wish I could attend the Reunions but living in California ... I am impressed by the website which I think is outstanding. Many congratulations to Ian Cairns. Thank you to everyone for all the work done to keep us in touch. (*Thank you – Ed*) Enjoyed a trip to Egypt before Christmas – the pyramids were enormous. My annual visit to UK is in May and I hope to meet up with friends for lunch as usual.

**Ron Harris** (1941-47). Sorry I can't make it this year – it falls on my wife's birthday (and this year it is a special one for her!). Regards to all. *I have kept her birthday secret – Ed!!*

**John Tebbit** (1941-47). I am looking forward to being at the Reunion during the morning and lunch hour – have to be elsewhere in the afternoon. My wife and I toured around Sicily last May – the best time of year there. On 23 August we were presented with a grandson who was christened Matthew William Tebbit and during the Autumn and Spring Terms I have been studying 2 courses of Art History at Reading University just to keep my hand in after graduating with a BA (Hons) in 1999 with the Open University.

**Audrey Walden** (1941-47). Best wishes to everyone who knew me at SHS. I always look forward to the Newsletter and keep in touch with **Gwen Gale** (1941-47). My brother **Malcolm** (SGS) will be visiting from Canada this year.

**Edward Linzey** (1942-48). New Life Member. I am retired and living with my wife Anne in West Sussex. We have three children, two girls and a boy. After leaving SGS I worked for Aspro in Slough, spent 2 years in the RAF National Service as a Radar Operator. Worked for a number of years for American companies including Revlon, S C Johnson (Johnsons Wax) and for a short exciting time with The Lovable Bra Company before spending twenty years with IBM in Procurement. On retirement from IBM in 1989, I started up my own Management Consultancy which I closed 2 years ago.

**Mavis Admans** (Westbrook 1942-49). I hope to be able to join you all in the afternoon.

**Wendy Martel** (Watson 1942-49). My best wishes to everyone – arthritis means I can't undertake the journey to be at the Reunion.

**Jenny Harman** (Pugh 1943-48). Won't be able to attend this year.

**Margaret Paine** (Paine 1943-48). I still keep reasonably fit walking my dog, gardening when the weather allows (!), scrabbling to keep the brain working and enjoying family and grandchildren. My mother sadly died last October at the age of 95. Most of the '43-intake will reach a milestone birthday this year – through "*FriendsReunited*", I am pleased to have contacted one more member, **Margaret Balding (Brennan)** with whom we had lost touch, I now have contact with 16 'girls' and know of 4 others who have died – I would still like more news to make the form complete. If you can help, please phone me on 01753 643740.

**Anne Letchford** (Reeves 1943-49). Sorry I shall miss the Reunion on 23rd for the second year running but Bill and I will be on holiday in Australia. My best wishes to everyone in old 5B and I hope you all have a good meeting. Hopefully I shall meet up with everyone at the Garden Party in June.

**Barry Serjent** (1943-49). I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. At the moment I am rehearsing for the next production at the East Lane Theatre Club in Wembley – it is Arthur Miller's *The Crucible* and it opens in mid-April. Do **you** live within striking distance of Wembley and if so, do you fancy becoming a regular in our audience – or – how about joining in our many productions? If you are interested, please give me a ring on 020 8903 2597 or see me at the Reunion. *Barry sent a wonderful article about his 50 years with the East Lane Theatre Club; as well as performing throughout that time, he has written musical revues and other shows. The theatre is Barry's abiding passion – he had his own toy theatre and has entertained at schools and elsewhere with Punch and Judy. It is a great pity we cannot reproduce the whole article – Ed.*

**Annette Chant** (Pountain 1944-48). I retired from dentistry nearly 15 years ago, but still busy with other activities especially lawn bowls, indoor and outdoor. I am to be a grandmother for the first time in June! Can't be with you this year although I will be there in spirit. Have a great time and greetings to all my contemporaries.

**Milly Price** (Thomas 1944-49). New Life Member. See joint entry under **Vernon Price** (1940-47).

**Anne Payne** (Ashley 1944-50). New Life Member. I have kept in touch with one friend **Ruby White (How)** 1944-49) and a former teacher **Dr Rae Gourlay** who was a bridesmaid at my wedding 41 years ago! Looking forward to coming to the Reunion.

**Mary Haydock** (File 1944-51). I will be in Portugal on Reunion Day so will have to miss this year's event. We have moved again but still in the same area. Hope to get a computer soon and I hope more of my year will 'surface' with the advent of the website! Have a very successful Reunion and my best wishes to you all.

**Don Wells** (1945-52). New Life Member. I spent 12 years in the Army (Education and later Intelligence Corps, as befits an egghead from SGS), some time in the NHS and a lot more in advertising and PR. Now retired in Aberdeen (don't ask, it's a long story!). My time divides between family history research, in which I dabble, and tai chi, with which I am totally obsessed. My wife Margaret and I run classes, where I kick higher and train harder than most of the 20 and 30 somethings. (Well, if you can't have a bit of a brag to your old school pals ..... ?) I survived mouth cancer in 1999 and plan to hang on to get my congratulatory vid-e-mail from King William – or even President Vorderman!! *Don was spotted writing to a Family History magazine in which SGS was mentioned and, well, you can't miss out on that opportunity – Ed.*

**Philip Seal** (1946-50). I regret I cannot attend the Reunion this year owing to a family occasion that evening in Torquay – I hope all goes well and it proves as enjoyable as last year's event. Will try to make to Garden Party.

**Clive Beenham** (1946-52). New Life Member. Did an engineering apprenticeship at GD Peters with extra study at the Slough College of FE. Then came National Service in REME. Gained CEng and MIMechE



worked in design and subsequently Sales and Marketing until 1995. Retired and moved to Spain in 1998.

**Paula Atherton** (aka Doreen née Jones 1946-53). Still living in Windsor but we spend a lot of time in our house in Devon. Our eldest daughter produced our second grandchild in January – a sister for Samuel aged 2 years. I would love to hear from anyone who knows me – email: p.ath@virgin.net

**Malcolm Hellings** (1947-52). Great time at last year's Reunion – see pics on website! Still searching for old friends from Farnham Council School – **Mrs Bristow's class** 1946/7.

**Beryl Morrison** (Edwards 1947-54). Thank you for news of Old Paludians donations to the school. Despite the fact we have no school premises to remind us of our school days, it is nice to know past pupils still have an on-going link with school days. I am sorry I shall be unable to come to the Reunion this time but holiday plans clash! I hope you all have an enjoyable day and hopefully I can join you next year. Very best wishes.

**Jean Croft** (Kirtton 1948-52). New Life Member. Only just 'found' the Old Paludians thanks to **Cathy Wiles** (Eccleston 1948-53) and **Sally Hayman** (Hubbard 1948-53). Moved from Cippenham to St Austell 35 years ago with my husband, Bob, and 2 small children. Sadly Bob died suddenly 3 years later. My claim to fame is looking after our Secretary / Editor on her first day at SHS in 1949. (*Thank you for that – Ed!!*) I look forward to coming to the Reunion and – hopefully – seeing some faces from the past.

**Malcolm Doyle** (1948-52). Will be joining us again – from New York. A great Reunion with friends last year.

**Maureen Lessels** (Clancy 1948-53). Your dates have all clashed with concert dates with my choir. Sorry to miss it all.

**David W Guest** (1948-56). New Life Member. Obtained a BSc in Chemistry and worked in the industry for 15 years then changed careers to Solicitor. Now retired. Looking for news of **Ronald G Scott** from my year at School. Thanks to the Old Paludians I have been put back in touch with **Dr John C Turner** (1948-55). We will both be at the Reunion.

**John Alder** (1949-54). Sorry not to be able to attend owing to friends visiting from USA. High hopes for next year as I need to claim my bus pass!! *John has lived in Spain for some years.*

**Peter Burgess** (1949-54). Had a great time last year meeting up with Len Jackson from USA – hoping to repeat it again at this year's Reunion. My picture history book of *Slough – a Century of Change*, is still available from me at SGS events or by post at £10 (incl postage) from Peter Burgess, 15 White Hill. Home Meadow, WORCESTER, WR4 0JG. We (Upper VB, SGS 1949-54) are still searching for **Nick Walton**, **Peter Ashley** and **Keith Ball**. Have recently met **Chris Penman** after .... years! Best wishes to everyone.

**Jan Cleeton** (Bowles 1949-54). I would love to meet up with **Beryl Dawson**, **Barbara Ginn** and **Barbara Phillips** again – does anyone remember **Winifred Trotter**? The whole family – 8 daughters and a son - went to Australia about 1951 and had their photo in the local paper. Has anyone heard of them since ?

**Denis Delaney** (1949-54). I will be at the Reunion but I will be on holiday in June so no Garden Party.

**Dennis Daly** (1949-54). Found his long-time friend **Roger Gardner** (1949-54) during the year and they will both be at the Reunion catching up lost years with the group from those years. They will be with the rest of the 1949 "contingent" – see **Len Jackson** below.

**Leonard Jackson** (1949-54). Len had an emotional reunion with **Peter Burgess** (1949-54) last year having travelled over from Illinois, USA – he will be back again this year together with **Jeff Parker** (1949-54) from California and what a get-together they will have! Len's wife, **Donna**, will also be with them. This year he and Donna celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary so the stopover for the Reunion is en route to Athens and the Greek Islands.

**Valerie Kershaw** (Speed 1949-54). Can only make the afternoon but I am looking forward to seeing everyone. My sister **Daphne Boyles** (Speed 1939-54) will be coming along with me.

**Morag Norman** (Cameron 1949-54). It has been a difficult year keeping our Forest of Dean farm clear of the dreaded foot-and-mouth disease but despite it being all around us we came through safely. We are fully organic and have the much coveted Soil Association certification. We have a farm shop and a holiday cottage next to the house so we are kept very busy. The Reunion date always clashes with the start of lambing so I can't attend. Everyone appreciates all the hard work being done on our behalf.

**Jeff Parker** (1949-54). *Jeff sent a few notes last year but they arrived too late for inclusion. This year, he will be with us in person but I have included 'edited highlights' !!* Worked at Cement & Concrete Association when I left school including working on the M4. Took HNC in Civil Engineering, got married in 1962 and we came to US in 1964. I worked in Texas, riding bulls for fun at weekends before moving to California in 1970 to work for the Portland Cement Association – just in time for the big 1971 earthquake!! I am still working in construction sales. I drive a 1958 Jaguar SS100 for fun (? sorry Jeff, if its wrong as the handwriting went wonky here) and ride mountain bikes. I crew on a square rigged sailing ship called 'The Pilgrim', which spends most of the year as a 'living history experience' for schoolchildren who are treated as 1830's sailors. Life has been good to me and a lot of fun.

**Penny Schick** (formerly Gniel) (Norcott 1949-54). Penny's great news is that she remarried last year – to lovely Ian, a Vietnam War Veteran and has gained 2 new daughters. *Congratulations!*

**Barry Garner** (1949-55). New Life Member. Following 3 years (1955-58) at Nottingham Univ reading Geography, I spent 4 years in USA completing a PhD course. Returned to a teaching position at Leeds Univ in 1962, moved to Bristol Univ in 1964 thence to a Professor's position at Aarhus Univ in Denmark until 1976. I was then appointed to the Chair in Economic Geography at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. I've kept in touch with some former pals through **Edgar Wallner** (1948-54) who was my class mate at school and room mate at University as well as my younger brother **Doug** (1956-64).

**Mary Shepherdson** (Clements 1949-56). I will be able to make this year's Reunion after missing last year!

**Jean Webb** (Wicks 1949-56). New Life Member. Pleased to have news of 'our' year. I moved to Somerset 30 years ago and took early retirement in 1994 after teaching locally since 1972. Most of my time now is spent pottering in the garden, attending village functions, Women's Section of RBL and four grandchildren. Sorry I cannot attend the Reunion but I hope to come to the Garden Party.

**Patricia Nilsson** (Currell 1949-57). New Life Member. I'm married and live Stockholm & have one daughter. I'm now semi- retired but still work for Gothenburg University. I will be unable to attend either event although I am coming to England later in the summer. My regards to all those who remember me.

### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Jacqueline Llewellyn** (1941-46). Jackie had been a 'missing person' in our columns and we have now learned her story and subsequent death in 1986 after a period of ill-health. She married a friend of her brother John in 1958 and after several moves her last 17 years were spent in Crickhowell, South Wales, where she was heavily involved in village life and a much-loved member of the community. Jackie's husband died 3½ years later; daughter Sara and son Jonathan are both married with children. Jackie's talents were in art and interior design and before marriage had worked for Bridget D'Oyley Carte in London. Former class mates at SHS remember her bright personality and sense of humour. As the smallest girl in class she once hid in a cupboard during class and set an old gramophone in motion at a given signal. She was also an accomplished actress when studying *Henry V*, our Shakespeare play for School Cert. Her friends remember her with great affection and we are glad to recall her life.

**Ena May Climer**. Those of you at SHS after the war may recall Miss Climer: Last October it was reported in the local press that Ena May Climer had died aged 90 – she saw service in the Women's Land Army in WW2 and then "worked in the laboratories at Slough Girls High School". A little bit of sleuthing with help from **Len Thorne** and his niece **Jean Bignell** née Climer established that she did indeed work at SHS as a Lab Assistant for several years. In more recent years Ena had lived in a nursing home at Cookham. Len's brother-in-law was Percy Climer, (Ena's brother), who will be remembered as the caretaker at Twinches Lane.

### **\*\*1950s\*\***

**Christopher Martin** (1950-54). Unable to attend due to a prior family engagement but I hope to be at the Garden Party.

**Valerie Cowdery** (Wallis 1950-55). I'll not be able to attend this year as I will be on holiday in the States – I hope all goes well and I will catch up with everyone next year.

**Maureen Hitchcock** (Palfrey 1950-55). Unable to get to either the Reunion or Garden Party. I went to work

at Bells Asbestos when I left school ten moved to the Isle of Wight at 19 years of age and have been there ever since. I married in 1959, have 3 children: two also live on the Island and the 5 grandchildren. Our youngest daughter lives in the Midlands. I would love to make contact with **Yvonne Warne** who was in my class and with me on the website photo. My other 'special' friend, **Toni Kent**, has just been traced.

**Julia McClaren** (Basden 1950-55 [3rd year entry]). Sorry not to be at this year's Reunion but it clashes with the AGM for the Berkshire Trefoil Guilds (part of the Guide Association) and as I am County Chairman I cannot wriggle out! I saw **Mary Kemp** (Adam) recently. I would love to make contact with anyone in 3R – September 1950. There were 10 of us with 3rd year-entry – first 'classroom' was the old kitchen and then we were promoted to the old chair store the following year!!! I am in touch with **Janet Fewell** (Baker) who lives in mid-Wales.

**Rita Godley** (Evans 1950-55). I will be in France but I hope everyone has an enjoyable day.

**Valerie Parkes** (Ford 1950-56). Hoping to come to the Reunion this year to catch up with old friends. I am currently managing a small residential FE Unit for young people (19+) with learning/communication difficulties. My 3 daughters are also involved in special education. My grandchildren are Daisy (4) and Joseph (nearly 2). My sister and brother-in-law – **Sue and Robert (Gedge)** – send best wishes from Vancouver to anyone who remembers them. They would love to hear from any Old Paludians in the Vancouver area, or anywhere else! My main hobby is working/walking my 7½ stone Bernese Mountain Dog called Bella!! Looking forward to seeing everyone on 23 March.

**Ian Simmons** (1950-56). New Life Member. Head Boy 1955-56; BSc UCL Geography 1956; PhD UCL Palaeoecology 1962; DLitt Dunelm 1980; Fellow of Society of Antiquaries of London; Fellow of the British Academy; Fellow of Academia Europaea; Fellow of the RGS (Victoria Medal 1998); Sometime member of staff at University of California, Berkeley; York University Toronto; University of Bristol, UK; Professor of Geography University of Durham 1981-2001; Emeritus Professor 2001; Various books on environment, natural resources etc and about 100 papers in scholarly journals.

**Anthea Symonds** (Pugh 1950-56). New Life Member. I am a lecturer in Social Policy at Swansea University and for the Open University, I have re-married and now on my third surname – Lewis. What a wonderful surprise to hear that both **Miss White** and **Miss Saunderson** are so full of life and enthusiasm. I was in 1S Miss Saunderson's first year class in the intake of 1950. I still play tennis thanks to **Miss Booth** and **Mrs Boul** will be amazed to learn that I have at last mastered passable French!! I hope to be at the Reunion to catch up on others from the 50s and hope my sister **Rosemary Broom** (Pugh 1959-62) will come too.

**Margaret Evans** (Garrod 1950-57). I'm now retired from full-time work after 37 years in the NHS as a Clinical Psychologist – but still keeping my hand in with sessional work for the Primary Care Service. Our family are all settled with our older daughter who is a Business Development Manager, our younger daughter teaching Religious Education and our son in St Stephen's House, Oxford, preparing for ordination next year. Three grandsons to date! Does anyone know the whereabouts of **Edna Russell** (1950-58) ?

**Jill Mansfield** (1950-57). Unable to attend – I hope to do a fair bit of travelling this year after frantically meeting deadlines for a book on deafness. My regards to everyone.

**Phil Lawrence** (1950-58). I last sent notes in 1999 and have been to both Reunions since then and enjoyed them immensely. I celebrated my 60th in June 2000 and we visited our son in Singapore at New Year 2000/01, where he was working as a civil engineer. He's in Hong Kong now so that's the next big trip. I spent last Christmas in hospital after a slight heart attack on Christmas Eve (my first ever Christmas in hospital) but I'm recovering well and looking forward to being at SGS on 23 March to meet old acquaintances again and catch up on all the news. Kind regards to everyone.

**David Pritchard** (1951-54). *My apologies to David for omitting him from last year's New Member List.* I was a 3rd year entrant so really, I am 1948 era! I would like to get in touch with **Brian Simmonds** and **Roy Humphries**. I always remember Roy falling off the back of a dustcart – he'd hitched a ride during a cross-country run! I also wonder what happened to **Alan Taylor** – he and I shared our first packet of 'ciggies' as 14 year olds. I would be glad of any news.

**Graham Butcher** (1951-56). I will try to make it for 11am on Reunion Day but it clashes with a wedding and I won't be able to stay all the time.

**Pamela Green** (Maton 1951-56). I am sorry that I will not be with you at the Reunion – best wishes to everyone for a happy day.

**Sylvia Legg** (Naylor 1951-56). New Life Member. My last year was in 5S with Miss Sterritt – I married in 1964 and emigrated to Woomera, South Australia in 1965. Since 1969 I have lived in Adelaide. It's been difficult to track down ex-school friends and I have often wondered what happened to **Margaret Jones, Pauline Jones and Sandra Thoms**.. They were my 'special' friends and I wonder if anyone know where they are now? I have just been put in touch with **Rita Carradus** so that may be a good omen! It was **Ann Reed's** (Howell) article in the paper when she was searching for friends that set me thinking as my brother sent the paper over to me. I am retired now but wish I could live then knowing what I know now!!

**Ann Reed** (Howell 1951-56). Last year brought a long-held dream to fruition, with a meeting of 16 of my classmates from 1956. Most of us had not seen one another for 45 years, so we had an hilarious time trying to recognise each other although two or three had hardly changed! The years just rolled away and we were soon reminiscing and laughing as though we had never been apart. Later we met up with others from our year at the Old Paludians Reunion at the Grammar School to celebrate fifty years since we started at the High School. A truly wonderful day that I shall never forget. Everyone was thrilled also, to see **Miss Rowland, Miss Saunderson and Miss Shaw** as well as **Mrs Lang**, (mother of **Janet**). *Ann had spent several years tracking her classmates down including help from OPA. They all had a truly super day – Ed.*

**Clive & Marjorie Toogood** - Clive (1951-56), Marjorie (Smith 1950-55). We will be attending this year .

**Rita Hinton** (Ashley 1951-57). New Life Member. I am hoping to hear news of four friends from school-days: **Jean Stevens, Marion Wickes, Nancy Fleetwood and Valerie Pope**. Please contact Valerie Storie (Secretary) if you have any news.

**Peter Jones** (1951-1957). New Life Member. I completed my National Service in the RAF and since then I have been self employed in various businesses, both in the UK and abroad. I returned to the UK in 2000, and now live in East Kent. I have 2 married daughters. One lived in Australia for 14 years the other in Germany for 8 years and I have 6 grandchildren. The last 14 years I have spent on the west coast of America, but being as the family have all returned to the UK, I decided to as well!!

**Margery Knowles** (McClune 1951-58). New Life Member. I will be in Thailand until our return on 22 March but I hope to be able to attend the Reunion.

**Andrew Hudson** (1951-59). New Life Member. I was at SGS from 1951-1959, my sister Jennifer was at SHS a bit later. I have looked at the Old Pals site and the other weekend **John Pickering** (1951-58) came over and we spent time looking at the 1953 and 1957 School Photos - I was surprised how many people we managed to identify. Present plans are to try and get to the Reunion in March. My mother kept my School Reports and they turned up after she died earlier this year.

**Vivien Tebbutt** (Smith 1951-59). New Life Member. Unable to attend the Reunion & the G P looks unlikely.

**Sheila Eimermann** (Perks 1952-56). New Life Member. Has anyone news of **Brenda Snelling, Maureen Gillard, Ann Vickers, Denise Wakeman, Sheila Hatch or Jane Hayter** – we all started together at the High School in 1952. Is there anyone else from that time who was in 2H (1953-54)? – **Miss Haywood** was our form teacher and also took us for history. I would love to have news of anyone of my 'era'.

**Jim Gore** (1952-57). I first went to SGS in 1952 ... and now, 50 years on, I am going back!! I have been told that I have been accepted for the position of *Technology Technician*. I do not have a start date but it will be soon. The Technology Lab is in what used to be the Gym where so many of us 'old' lads will remember Dave Luck putting us through the paces. *Good Luck with the job – Ed.*

**Jack Freer** (1952-57). Will be on holiday in March but I hope to be at the Garden Party.

**Carolyn Mason** (King 1952-58). No great news since last year – just lots more poetry (publications, competitions and readings) which I find increasingly difficult to fit into my still working life! The children Simon and Joely are still in York and Cardiff respectively. Will see everyone in the afternoon on 23 March.

**Christine Wilson** (Adams 1952-58). I enjoyed last year's Newsletter and was pleased to note the news of **Susan Cooper** (1944-52). Her mother taught me in my last year at Cippenham Junior School and we knew Susan as Head Girl (and I do enjoy her books).

**Jim Lindop** (1952-60). I had planned to come but unable to at the last minute.

**Ian Mitchell Lambert** (1953-57). New Life Member. My surname was changed to Mitchell Lambert in 1964. I

entered teaching in 1966 in Oystermouth, Swansea and moved to Whitechapel as Head of Social Education in 1969. There followed a number of moves until my final position was Headmaster of Howbury Grange Technical School, Slade Green, Bexley in 1980 – I retired on a disability pension in 1986. I held various appointments during that time – I am a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church and I'm Hon Director, UK Programmes, University of the Holy Land in Jerusalem. I recall **Roger Hanson**, **Max Portsmouth** and I am in touch with **Vaughan Tong** who was Head Boy in 1960. I have warm memories of the school, staff and pupils and I regret that I am unable to come to the Reunion but I hope to make it in June. *Ian is also very involved in family history and had an article in a recent local paper regarding his searches.*

**Michael Taylor** (1953-57). New Life Member. Emigrated to the United States in 1963 with family. Has just retired from one of the telephone companies and has started a second career teaching Biology at Redlands High School in California. Currently living in Hollister. Will be at the Reunion.

**Pat Oldcorn** (Horwood 1953-59). New Life Member. Married 1962 - David Oldcorn. Currently Director of Systems Thorn Secure Sciences Ltd and have two sons aged 32 and 15. I occasionally see **Avril Sutton** (née Esson) and have met up with **Jackie Flynn** who was two years ahead of me. I completely lost touch with my greatest friend from school **Jane Bate** who took off to the New Hebrides and subsequently married a Frenchman there. We lost touch after we both had children - I am planning my ruby wedding celebrations this year and hope to track down some old friends who were at the wedding so maybe there will be an Old Paludian somewhere who can help.

**Pat Parsons** (Boulton 1953-61). I qualified as a doctor in 1966 and practise here in New Plymouth, NZ.. Also in 1966, I married **Alan Parsons** who was an SGS boy. We emigrated to NZ in 1983 and have become citizens. Alan is a paediatrician and now Head of Department while I work in Family Planning, Adolescent Health and Community Child Health. We have 2 daughters and the eldest has married a New Zealander. This is a great place to live and have many interests. We keep in touch with **Linda (Gamble) Hunter**, **Gillian (Gaffney) Adams**, **Caryl (Evans) Erdos**, **David Thomas** – in Canada, **John Fowler** (Slough area) and **Fred Davey**, also in NZ.

**Irene Rogers** (Roberts 1954-59). New Life Member. After leaving School at 16, I went to work for Eton RDC. I soon decided office work wasn't for me and went on to train as a nurse and midwife at Taplow and Hereford. I subsequently married and lived in the East End of London. I trained as a Health Visitor and we moved to Northampton in 1980. I've just completed a BA (Hons) degree with the OU – so I got there in the end! I would love to make contact with **Margaret Wills**, **Gillian Orpwood**, **Joan Gough** and **Janet Lipscombe**.

**Judy Dean** (Finn 1954-61). New Life Member. I have been living and working in St Andrews for the past 15 years, where my husband, **Martin Dean** (SGS 1955-60), is employed by the University as a marine archaeologist. We have one son, who is studying politics at the University of Essex. I have had a very chequered working life, including educational research, advice work, freelance writing and doing bed and breakfast. I'm currently working from home as the administrator of a social work training consortium, but looking forward to retirement. Would be pleased to have news of anyone in my year."

**Lyn Jones** (Williams 1954-61). I do so enjoy the Newsletter. Although I am now retired, I look after my elderly father and disabled son. My lovely daughter has given me 2 gorgeous grandchildren and I enjoy being President of my local WI. *Everyone works harder in retirement for some reason!! - Ed*

**John Ridgley** (1954-61). New Life Member. A Town planner currently working on social and economic regeneration projects in Warwickshire. Enjoying life in a five pub village!

**Pauline Moses** (Turner 1955-62). So sorry I can't get to either event this year – elderly parents make it difficult to be away from home for too long. I hope the Reunion and Garden Party will be successful and happy occasions. Regards to anyone who remembers Pauline Turner – I'd love to hear from anyone who, like me, left School on the same day that Miss Crawford left. Memories!! In Romney Marsh since 1998, my husband John and I 'job-share' a class in a local primary school and I also take some 'special needs' tuition in another school – keeping our hand in as we had both been primary school Heads before moving!

**Peter Steinwender** (1955-62) Peter lives in France and would love to hear from anyone. Valerie has an email address.

**Christine Elbourne** (Hampshire 1955-63). After Easter I will be moving to Congleton in Cheshire. Unable to get to the Reunion.

**Wendy Heath** (1956-59). Will be able to attend this year.

**Linda Hunter** (Gamble 1956-59). New Life Member. I didn't arrive at SHS until 1956 when we moved from Bletchley. I had attended Wolverton Grammar School where the Headmaster had been a contemporary of Miss Crawford so I got a good introduction when I joined the 3rd Form! After Lower VI, I went to Technical School and later went through Law School.

**Dick Croker** (1956-63). Sorry I can't make the Reunion this year, having enjoyed my first one last year. I have met up with some of my old class mates recently – 2 of whom I'd not seen since 1963. Hope to do it again before long and will hope to make the garden party in June.

**David Morris** (1956-63). New Life Member. I made a few contacts through the FriendsReunited site and then **Tony Mayo** (1956-64) suggested I try the Old Paludians – and the rest is history! After SGS I went on to Bristol Medical School and became consultant psychiatrist in Bristol Teaching Hospitals and Plymouth – I was Medical Director of Plymouth Community Services Trust. I left the NHS in 2000 and am now in private practice.

**Brian Harden** (1956-64). New Life Member. I was amazed at the website and it encouraged me to become a member and I will be at the Reunion. I had 3 years in the sixth form and was 'pretty ordinary' although I usually represented the School in the District Sports for 100 and 220 yards. I certainly remember **John Little** running from one side to the other in the 1957 School photograph (*the 4th row and he doesn't even look out of breath – Ed*).

**Diana Davis** (King 1957-62). So sorry not to be able to attend, as our eldest daughter is coming to visit from Austria where she now lives. Also, unfortunately, I can't make the Garden Party in June as Brian and I will be visiting relatives in Ireland at that time, but, hopefully, next year I will try to make it! Best wishes to all those who know me, and I am always very pleased to read all the news in the Newsletter.

**Christine Seaville** (Herman 1957-62: 3rd Form entry). Christine is always pleased to hear from anyone who remembers her – living in Canada where she has been for some years. Valerie has contact details.

**Aileen Smith** – (Left 1962 or 63). BSc, MBA. Living in U.S. - V.P. for Marketing Research Corporation near Detroit, MI. Owner and head trainer of dressage/equestrian centre. Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me or who went to S.H.S. Also, prior to that at Tiffin Girls H.S., in Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

**Jackie Barlow** (1958-63). I have continued to work at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. I completed 3½ years at the British Embassy in Kuwait in April 2001, after which I went to Australia, New Zealand and both coasts of USA to visit friends. I then worked for 2 months at the British Embassy in Quito (Ecuador) and have been back in the UK for a few months. From March 2002 I will be working at the Governor's Office in Anguilla in the Caribbean just missing the Reunion by a week! Hope the Reunion and Garden Party go well.

**Alison Elliott** (Furniss 1958-65). Apologies for being unable to attend – best wishes to everyone I know.

**Ron Spalding** (1958-65) New Life Member. I left SGS in 1965 and chose industry rather than university. I joined Shell as a computer operator and progressed through various IT positions in the UK and abroad over the following 35 years. I took early retirement in October 2000. After leaving school the social life included the 18+ club where I met **Jackie Hobbs**: we married in Oct 1971 and celebrated our 30th last year. We have 4 children and one grandchild

**Barbara Story** (Beaufoy 1959-66). Apologies for not being able to attend the Reunion – visitors from Australia. I hope to make the June event and send best wishes to everyone.

### **\*\*IN MEMORIAM\*\***

**Colin Doolan** (1950-55). **John Forrest** has been kind enough to let us know of Colin's sudden death in Harpenden in June 2001. Although not an Old Paludians member there are many friends who will recall him and be saddened to learn of his passing.

**Anna Ison** (Hartley 1950-57). Anna died in November 2001. The daughter of Ned and Dorothy Hartley, and sister of Tessa, Edwin and Philippa. She lived in Stoke Poges and joined Slough High School in September 1950, where she enjoyed outstanding success in domestic science, hockey and tennis. After training at

Dorset House in Oxford, she worked as an occupational therapist in England and America, before joining the Mental Health Unit at the Royal Free Hospital in London. She progressed her career through various management roles at the Hospital which included Assistant General Manager in Mental Health, and Director of Therapy Services. She will be remembered with great affection by her many friends. An informal memorial evening has been arranged for Anna's family, colleagues and friends on **Saturday 18th May** in London. For more information please contact Jean Tyler.(01628 621560)

It is so very sad that the Hartley Family have lost Ned, his wife Dorothy and their daughter Anna within the space of one year. We hope it helps them to know that we miss them too, and remember them with love and affection.

**Terry Knight** (1952-60). Terry died suddenly from a heart attack in September 2000 but news reached us too late for inclusion in last year's Newsletter. He had been a former Head Boy and whilst at the School's Millennium Garden Party in July 2000 he asked for news of the **Giles** family. We were able to find them but sadly Terry had already passed away. Our condolences were sent to his daughter Marie-Joy.

### **\*\*1960s\*\***

**Jeff and Susan Troke** - Jeff (1960-68); Susan (Barber 1962-67). Both Jeff and Susan are New Life Members. Married in 1972, we have 2 sons (27 and 28) but no daughters-in-law or grandchildren as yet; eventually left university life in 1975 and worked in the pharmaceutical industry until a merger-driven redundancy led to a return to a university post in 1998; 2 years of commuting to London, a dog (Westie called Sherbet), and beginning to get involved with local activities (church (Sue) and University of the 3rd Age (both)) plus maintaining an interest in recording music and computing for fun plus odd bits of consultancy as-and-when. Doesn't sound much, really, does it!

**Angela Jones** (Drakeford 1961-65). Yet again I am unable to come to the Reunion – the date always seems to clash with a large family occasion! However I hope to see everyone at the Garden Party in June. Good wishes to everyone.

**Linda McCormick** (Green 1961-68). I have recently moved to Devon from Mortimer near Reading. I am still teaching and enjoying life!

**Jan Adams** (Seager 1962-67). I am on holiday both for the Reunion and the Garden party – hope both events go well.

**Mark Dean** (1962-69). Deputy Head Boy in my last year at school. Happily distracted by cricket at school, but eventually gained a B.Sc.(Hons) in Geology and M.Phil. at Nottingham University. These qualifications paved the way to my present position as Palaeontologist at the British Geological Survey in Edinburgh. Married to Cindy in 1977, and with one son, we have lived in Scotland since 1993. Would be very pleased to hear from anyone who remembers me (including **Chris Morris** and the **Senior Prefects** of 1968-9). I am looking forward to coming to my first Reunion and meeting everyone.

**Robert Clay** (1962-70). I was a pupil at the Grammar School under the Headship of Dr Long then Mr Painter. It really was a great time as I did many extra curricular activities especially choir, orchestra and drama, with rugby and fencing as my main sporting activities. Of the teachers I remember Mr M.....? - music & I can visualise but not quite recall a number of others. On leaving school I entered the Metropolitan Police and I am due to retire in 2002. *Mr Moutrie? See the SGS1966 photo on our website. Ed.*

**Linda Jones** (Jones 1963-70). New Life Member. I will be attending my first Reunion.

**Tricia Bond** (Pat Massingham 1964-71). People at school would have known me as 'Pat'. After school I went to teacher training college in Hertford and then studied at Cambridge for a BEd. Married in 1975. Started teaching- in a comprehensive school. Left teaching in 1980 to start a family. We have 4 children: our eldest daughter graduated last year and works for IBM, our second daughter is at Aberystwyth University, our third daughter is in her first year at sixth form college and our son, the youngest member of the family, is in year 10. I now work as the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator in an infant school. I remember, being a part of the junior choir and then the senior choir. I should love to hear from anyone who remembers me

**Ian Cairns** (1964-71). *The Association owes an enormous debt of gratitude to Ian for his many, many long hours spent in setting up our website. It is now the forerunner of its type certainly in UK, if not worldwide, and has caught the imagination of members and non-members alike who are fascinated to learn more about our activities and see themselves on the old photos. Indeed, children and grandchildren have spotted their family members and are thrilled by it. As a direct result the Association has been able to welcome many new Life Members and a large number of them are attending the Reunion for the first time, intent on re-kindling*

*friendships with their former classmates.. A "Webmaster Extraordinaire" – thank you, Ian, from us all.*

**Tim Keohane** (1964-71). Just to say I won't be able to make the Reunion but best regards to all who do.

**Gillian Havard** (1964-73). Having attended Slough High from 1964 until 1973, it is not until now, as a Head Teacher myself, that I begin to reflect on those years, and begin to wonder what happened to my peers, and particularly the staff. I can still recite the essay for French O level which Miss White drilled into us.

**Sally Lovelock** (Fryett 1965-72). I'm unable to attend either event this year but always enjoy the Newsletter.

**Prof John Fothergill** (1965-72). New Life Member. I hope all goes well – I am not able to make it on 23rd but I hope to be able to come to the garden party in June.

**Claire Brereton** (1965-73). For the first half of 2001, I was working my socks off as IT Director for Hagemeyer (Dutch multinational company). I had signed up for a one year contract in June 2000. Our Australian residency visa came through in March 2001, and we sold our house in Kidderminster, sorted all our worldly goods and waved our container off. It was very disorienting.. We set off six weeks after our possessions, and arrived three weeks before them on 1st August. We stayed with Margot's in-laws for a few weeks, then rented a house, and finally bought our new home in a village called Samford. It is in the foothills of the D'Aguilar mountain range, which is a spur of the Great Dividing range, I'm told. I'm sure **Miss Saunderson** would be able to pinpoint it exactly! We are surrounded by the most beautiful countryside, yet we are only half an hour away from downtown Brisbane. We have stunning wildlife and beautiful birds including cockatoos in our garden, and our precious crop of five mangoes has just been stolen by wallabies. Rachel (five year old daughter) has just started at the local state school. Her class has 23 children in it. There is no enclosed school hall, just an open space with a roof over it, and at the start of assembly each week they sing the Australian National Anthem. I am taking a year or so off work to "put down roots", and my current contribution to society is teaching the principles of symmetry to a small group of five year olds as a volunteer school helper. We are settling in well, and are finding the 'natives' friendly and welcoming. We survived summer here, it was the hottest summer since 1905, with several days where the temperature soared to more than 40 degrees. We have just built a swimming pool, so if the same happens next year we will be much more able to cope. There were no bush fires here, although at the entry to the village there is a fire danger "swingometer" which is currently set at moderate. I hope the update was interesting. We have lots of guest accommodation so visitors are always welcome.

**Julie Austin** (Fish 1966-71). I attended SHS from 1966 to 1971 and was in one of the "pre-nursing" classes. Left school and became a student nurse at Royal Free Hospital, hated it and left after a year. Did various jobs until I undertook social work training in 1984. I now work as a Supported Housing Manager for a housing association in Cambridge. Very happily married to Alan, no children but 2 boxer dogs. I remember, **Ruth Rogerson, Stephanie Pugsley, Ann Lovatt, Marian Elvidge** and lots of other first names only. Teachers- **Miss Owen, Miss Booth, Miss Fletcher, Miss Trennery, Miss Darling, Miss Burnett**. Would love to hear from anyone who remembers me.

**Paul Donovan, RN** (1968-75). Hopes to make the June garden Party.

**Sheila Deacon** (Davis 1969-74). New Life Member. I have been married since 1978 and we have lived in Reading since 1979. We have three children, Gareth (21), Stephanie (19) and Georgina (15). I work full-time at The Hill Primary School, Caversham, (next to the BBC Monitoring Unit), as a teacher's assistant and I also help with the After School Club. I absolutely love it!! I would love to hear from anyone from my era.

## **\*\*1970s\*\***

**Margaret Cox** (Wood 1970-75). New Life Member. This will be the first time I have attended an annual Reunion – will there be more interest because of the FriendsReunited site? *We have had many new members and contacts this year as the direct result of both the FR site and our own extensive website - Ed*

**Richard Stephenson** (1970-77). New Life Member. I will be away in March so unable to attend the Reunion. Would love to hear from anyone in my year who remembers me. Enjoyed the photos on the website – did we really have so much hair in the 70's?

**Debra Kemp** (Edrich 1971-75). New Life Member. I left SHS at the end of summer '75 and moved to Somerset to attend a co-ed sixth form – Aaaaaghhh – how I missed my school and friends. I did go to look at the old school once but it wasn't there – I was so excited driving down the motorway, up the Bath Road, past



the chippy where we went 'illegally' some lunchtimes, past the bus-stop where we caused chaos each 3.45pm and left into Twinchies Lane – "oh, my goodness" – silence ensued. My school wasn't there! Would love to get in touch with **Teresa Bovington, Pamela Carey, Julie Scott, Claire Pickering, Paula Killingly** and anyone who recalls me!!

**Susan Hutchinson** (Townsend 1971-76). My form teachers were **Mrs Twine, Mr Thomas, Miss Shaw, Miss Frost and Mrs Roderick**. Would love to hear from anyone who may remember me.

**Sandy Dale** (1971-78). Reunion for the Form 1K of the 1971 intake?? It never happened in our '30th year' but we are all meeting up at the Garden Party in June – between 20 –30 of us – wow! Any further information from Sandy (e-mail: [sandy.dale@virgin.net](mailto:sandy.dale@virgin.net)) or contact Valerie.

**Margot Brereton** (1972-79?). Margot was Head Girl not too long before the two Schools became one again. She is a lecturer at the University of Queensland in Australia and lives near Brisbane.

**Corinne Ash** (1975-81). New Life Member. Unable to attend this year's Reunion due to another engagement.

**Susan Jones** (Hames 1975-81). I keep in contact with a group from my school year – meeting up with **Louise Sell** in January for the first time in years and with **Diane (Edworthy) Gallo**.

**Rosy Eade** (Roberts 1978-82). Sorry I won't be able to come to either event. We are taking Matthew on his first holiday abroad now that he's 4 years old - he is looking forward to going on an aeroplane! Hope everything goes well and all best wishes for a lovely day.

### **\*\*1980s\*\***

**Ken Ormsby** (1983-1986) I moved to Ireland in 1990, after having moved to the West Country in 1986, thus necessitating leaving UGS. I then emigrated to Canada in 1997, and now presently live in Montreal, and work as a Director for a Telecommunications company, after having worked for Ericsson for 6 years. I am now married and as of this date 1 son who is 6 months old. I was in Gray House, in class with **Liam Hurrell, Peter Joy, Sean Appleton & Keith Barron** among others, those were the days!

**GARDEN PARTY:** Just a reminder that on Saturday 29th June from 2 - 5pm there will be a Garden Party at the School in Lascelles Road, Slough. The intention is to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Queen's accession and the 90th Birthday of the school. We hope that large numbers of former pupils and members of staff will be able to attend and meet again. There will be displays by the various Departments to show the range of activities undertaken by today's Slough Grammar School. the building itself will be open for visitors and a celebrity tree planting is planned. Please put this date in your diary, and come if you can and tell any other former student with whom you are in touch about it. Former Head Boys and Head Girls are specially invited to lunch on this day (details will sent out later) and Souvenir Mugs will also be available for sale – **Price t.b.a.**

### **Endpiece**

*I hope you agree this year's Newsletter really is a bumper edition. The enthusiasm of the new members, in particular, has been catching. It is this spirit that makes the Old Paludians Association: we have members who attended the original School, so named because it was thought the words "Grammar School" too elitist for the town of Slough and they began school over 65 years ago. We can be justly proud of the Association and so too can the present Grammar School. Former pupils have made their mark throughout the world – in public office, in business and commerce, in the services and in the various theatres of war, in medicine, in science and technology, in education, in journalism, in the media, the list is endless – wherever you are then the name of Slough Grammar School won't be far away!*

## NEW LIFE MEMBER LIST since Reunion 2001

### YEAR NK AT PRESENT

Dr David J W Rose SGS

Diana Webb (Jaques)

### 1930's

Reginald Cox (1934-40)

Joy O'Brien (Essex (1934-40)

Ellen Penzer (Hampton 1936/7 – 1941)

George Power (1938-43)

Bernard Winter (1938-44)

Roy Turvey (1939-44)

### 1940's

Nancy Evans (Pardoe 1941-43)

Edward Linzey (1942-48)

Joan Power (Williams 1943-48)

Anne Payne (Ashley 1944-50)

Janet Speller (Brooker 1945-51)

Don Wells (1945-52)

Clive Beenham (1946-52)

Dr David White (1946-54)

Brian Hannay (1947-52)

Gerald Hine (1947-52)

(Lord) Bill Bradshaw (1947-54)

Jean Croft (Kirton 1948-52)

Dorothy Richards (Baker 1948-54)

Brian Barnes (1948-55)

Dr John C Turner (1948-55)

David W Guest (1948-56)

Maureen Winter (Ragg 1949-52)

Owen O'Mahony (1949-53)

(Lady) Jill Bradshaw (Hayward 1949-54)

Roger Gardner (1949-54)

Bob Greenfield (1949-54) - see wife Pat (1951-56)

(Prof) Barry Garner (1949-55)

Jean Webb (Wicks 1949-56)

Pat Nilsson (Currell 1949-57)

### 1950's

Alan Forbes (1950-53)

John Naylor (1950-55)

(Prof) Ian Simmons (1950-56)

Dr Anthea Symonds (Pugh 1950-56)

Dr Ann Codman (1950-58)

David Pritchard (1951-54 *(3rd year entrant: 48/9 SET) apologies for omitting David last year)*

Janet Dainton (Stranghor 1951-55)

Sylvia Cozens (Burton 1951-56)

Pat Greenfield (Gaskell 1951-56)

Sylvia Legg (Naylor 1951-56)

Rita Hinton (Ashley 1951-57)

Peter Jones (1951-57)

Susan Madge (Burrows 1951-58)

Margery Knowles (McClune 1951-58)

Dr Andrew Hudson (1951-59)

Vivien K Tebbutt (Smith 1951-59)

Sheila Eimermann (Perks 1952-56)

Dr Sue Barnes (Pattimore 1952-59)

### 1950's cont

Ian Mitchell Lambert (1953-57)

Pat Oldcorn (Horwood 1953-58)

Irene Rogers (Roberts 1954-59)

Judy Dean (Finn 1954-61)

John Ridgley (1954-61)

Jennifer Brooks (Hudson 1955-60)

Kathleen Marlton (Goldsmith 1955-62)

Linda Hunter (Gamble 1956-59)

Derek Burley (1956-61)

Andrew Elliston (1956-62)

Dr David Morris (1956-63)

John Virgo (1956-63)

Peter Virgo (1956-63)

Brian Harden (1956-1964)

Robert Fountain (1957-64)

Richard Fowle (1957-64)

Valerie Fowle (McMinn 1958-63)

Ron Spalding (1958-65)

### 1960s

Robert Bolland (1960-67)

Reg Talbot (1960-68)

Jeffrey Troke (1960-68)

Susan Troke (Barber 1961-67)

Ian Lucas (1962-70)

Rochelle Fearon (Goodman 1963-68)

Dr Linda Jones (Jones 1963-70)

Stephen Shaw (1963-70)

Mick Finn (1963-71)

Steve Swiatek (1964-71)

Prof John Fothergill (1965-72)

Dirk-Jan Koopman (1965-72)

Alan Buckland (1965-74)

Jean Tucker (Wilkins 1968-72)

Paul Donovan (1968-75)

James Moss (1969-76 )

### 1970's

Margaret Cox ((Wood 1970-75)

Debra Kemp (Edrich 1970-75)

Judith Wiseman (Allanach 1970-75)

Tim Kirby (1970-77)

Dr Richard Stephenson (1970-77)

Kate Baerlocher (Flynn 1974-80)

Marjorie Gibbs (Frost STAFF 1974-80)

Simon Lacey (1974-80)

Corinne Ash (1975-81)

John Draycott (1976-79)

Lisa Rolfe (Aldridge 1977-81)

Linda Griesbach (Flynn 1978-84)

Sabyta Mackay (Kaushal 1978-84)

Susie Rizvi (1978-84)

Selma Stephens (1978-84)

### 1980's

Nick Blacow (1980-84)

*My apologies for any omissions and it will be put right next time – Ed.*

**The Website** has caught the imagination of all generations, all around the world – they find it especially fascinating to look at the old photographs and see all the faces from their schooldays - and try to remember names! A great deal of work has gone into the setting up of our website and we have been delighted at your reactions. So many messages of praise and congratulation have been sent, which in turn encourages us to strive even harder. No-one need feel left out by the new technology since both new and old ways go hand-in-hand. We have to think of the future and we believe this is the way forward. Just a few of the comments are reproduced here and if it seems we are patting ourselves on the back a little too much then bear with us – it's been a hard 12 months!! Try it out – [www.oldpaludians.org](http://www.oldpaludians.org)

RC SGS 1949-57 from East Sussex

I spent an enchanted hour and a half last night looking at the SGS pictures of 1950 and 54, wincing at the sight of me (although they much entertained the children), but then looking at faces of masters and mates I hadn't seen for all those years. The children have never seen a picture of me as a child so those school pictures fascinated them - not as much as they fascinated me, though. ---

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AB SGS 1936-41 from IOW

.I have only recently acquired a PC and although I'm now long in the tooth I'm very much a babe at using it. However I've thoroughly enjoyed the Old Paludians site which has aroused many memories that I'd long forgotten: My greatest memory is the pleasure of attending a brand new school and awe at seeing all the masters wearing gowns. I'm so pleased that my 1936 photo has helped, I don't know how I have managed to keep it for 65 years!

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MF SHS 1953-58 from SC, USA

I cannot tell you how amazing it was to find this site and bring up photographs of the students in 1954 and Class 5S in 1958. My photographs were stolen while being professionally packed after I emigrated to the US in 1962. Thank you so much - you brought back some wonderful memories!

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LJ SGS 1949-54 Illinois USA

I am so excited that you have the site ...  
All day I have had the folks at my office all making hits on your website..... the guys at my jobsite have checked it out over this last weekend. I do a lot of work for the Oprah Winfrey Show and the girls in her office all wanted to see me with hair as one of the boyos. I was explaining who everyone was and they all liked the Reunion pics.

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DK SHS 1971-75 Gloucester

I have looked at every picture and read every word avidly, cannot believe I have found this site and that I may even get in contact with old friends ..... unbelievable.

I think the site is wonderful, thank you for your extremely hard work in creating such a "memory lane" site! Still can't believe they actually destroyed the building, it was only one of a few with a visible "watermark" just on the wall inside the gate! We learnt that in Geography!!

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LH SHS 1956-60 Surrey

My husband had a good laugh when he saw my picture on one of the pages of the website and says I look better now - don't know how to take that!

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SL SHS 1951-56 South Australia

I have been interested to browse your website, recommended to me by my brother who lives in UK.

## OUR BOOK

### "Recollections of Slough Secondary School & the Old Paludians as remembered by Peter Bennett and others"

The book is still available – if you would like to have a copy it will be on sale both at the Reunion and the Garden Party or contact Jean Tyler or Valerie Storie. (£5.50 if collected, £6.50 UK posted or £8.00 for airmail). **STOCKS ARE RUNNING OUT.**



#### *We've lost touch with:*

♦ Anyone out there from **Mrs Bristow's class** from Farnham Council School – **Malcolm Hellings** would like to know. ♦ Can anyone help **Irene Rogers** (Roberts) 1954-59 find **Margaret Wills, Gillian Orpwood, Joan Gough and Janet Lipscombe**. ♦ **Jan Cleeton** (Bowles 1949-54) is looking for **Beryl Dawson, Barbara Ginn and Barbara Phillips** all 1947 intake – also **Winifred Trotter** who went to Australia about 1951. ♦ Are you one of the 3rd-year intake in 1950 in 3R – if so, **Julia Basden** would like to make contact. ♦ **Maureen Hitchcock (Palfrey 1950-55)** would welcome news of **Yvonne Warne**, in her class at SHS. ♦ Anyone living in the Vancouver area – if so **Sue (née Ford) and Robert Gedge** (late 1950s) would love to get in touch – see Val Parkes entry 1950-56). ♦ Has anyone news of the whereabouts of **Sally Meacher** (1949-54) – for Jill Bradshaw. ♦ **Sylvia Legg** (Naylor 1951-56) lives in Adelaide and is searching for **Margaret Jones, Pauline Jones and Sandra Thoms** - please pass any information to Valerie. ♦ We (Upper VB, SGS 1949-54) are still searching for **Nick Walton, Peter Ashley and Keith Ball** if you can help you would make **Peter Burgess** a happy man!! ♦ **Edna Russell** (1950-58) is being sought by **Margaret Evans** (née Garrod). ♦ A plea from new Life Member **Nancy Evans** (Pardoe 1941-43) – she would love to have any news of **June King, Jean Grist, Margaret Warr, Margaret (?) Searle** (all 1941-) and **Daphne Lines** – can anyone help? ♦ Do you know what happened to **Chris Morris** former Head Boy 1968/9 and the Senior Prefects of that year – if so **Mark Dean** (1962-69) would be pleased to know and get back in touch – also he would like to make contact with anyone who remembers him from Form 1A in '62 or the Cricket 1st XI from 1969 too. ♦ **Sheila Deacon** (Davis 1969-74) would love to hear from anyone from her era. ♦ Are you from the 1952 intake at SHS, if so then **Sheila Eimermann** (Perks 1952-56) would love to hear from you especially **Brenda Snelling, Maureen Gillard, Ann Vickers, Denise Wakeman, Sheila Hatch or Jane Hayter**. ♦ **Rita Hinton** (Ashley 1951-57) is a new Life Member and is hoping to hear news of four friends from school-days: **Jean Stevens, Marion Wickes, Nancy Fleetwood and Valerie Pope**. ♦ **Brian Simmonds, Roy Humphries and Alan Taylor** – if you have news of them then **David Pritchard** ([1948] 1951-1954) would be interested. ♦ Ralph and Jean Ison are wondering about **Audrey Bateman**. ♦ **Debra Kemp** (Edrich 1971-75) Would love to get in touch with **Teresa Bovington, Julie Scott, Claire Pickering, Paula Killingly** and anyone who recalls me!! ♦ **David Guest** (1948-56) wonders what happened to **Ronald G Scott** in his year

Please contact Valerie if you can help with any of the above queries.



#### *But we've found:*

We have had some successes this past year and a number of old friends are back in touch. We've located **John Pallett** for **Paddy May**. A plea from Adelaide has put **Sylvia Legg** (Naylor 1951-56) in touch with **Rita Carradus**. We found **John C. Turner** for **David Guest** (1948-56). We have traced **Toni Kent** for **Maureen Hitchcock** (1950-55). We are now in direct contact with **Pat Nilsson** (Currell 1949-57).

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